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France wins some

French PM Jacques Chirac

Forty six nations abstained in the New Caledonia decolonisation vote at the UN last week. Among them were twenty who changed their vote on the SP Forum motion since last year.

It was the first bit of good news for France in a long, bad week.

Dropping their non-votes into the absention ranks were a handful of renowned "liberals".

The abstention of Canada, Sweden and Norway as well as industrial Rim nation Japan must have been regarded in Paris as a major triumph.

France's embattled image in the Pacific powdered itself up a little in Tahiti, too, where public opinion is reported to the JOURNAL to be running against the dockers.

Public opinion is no doubt given a little nudge by the presence of massive numbers of French troops and gendarmes and the realities of French money on offer to clear the appalling mess up.

On the ropes and sopping up punishment Paris will be hoping for a comeback in the November 23 Vanuatu elections!

SEE INSIDE

Atiu Gospel Day

racism storm

Christianity beat an ignominious retreat in the face of what appears from video evidence to be an open incitement to racial hatred in Atiu last week

The scene: Gospel Day! The celebration of the coming together of the European and the Maori!

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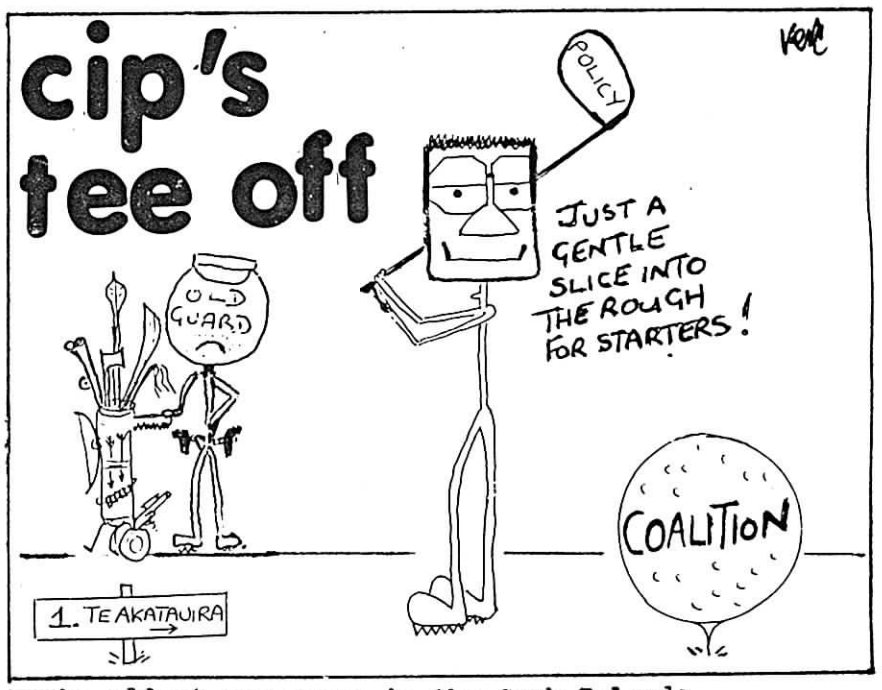

The oldest newspaper in the Cook Islands resurfaces solidly in mid-stream, far from the left bank where it was first launched!

YOU MAY NOT AGREE WITH US..
BUT YOU WILL BE BETTER INFORMED..

THIS ISSUE-

OUTRAGE..

PAPEETE

A shocked and highly emotional Tahiti Territorial Assembly met last week for the first time since the destruction of Central Papeete by striking dockers and roving gangs. The Assembly was convened in order to debate the introduction of new stringent port regulations. The regulations were proposed in order to seek a solution to the crippling power government claims is held by the 550 unionised dockers hold over the Tahitian economy.

In spite of heated opposition by Ia Mana leader, socialist Jacques Drollet, the outrage expressed by Government members dominated the Assembly debate. Drollet alleged that the Government was'heating up' the issue deliberately and that such tactics risked a "civil war" situation. He objected to "so important and complex a matter" being debated in haste and in the total absence of the dockers themselves.

Papeete Mayor Jean Juventin

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"Jacky, mon vieux...."
"Oui, Gaston."
"The troops are all in place. I've OK'd everything with the boss. Paris says go ahead. Call the Assembly."
"Are you sure Gaston ?"

"Certainement, mon ami. Let's have a few good speeches. Do wonders for morale. Paris feels it a most approriate time for a futile gesture."

"No, but Seriously.."

French Polynesia's socialist leader, Jacques Drollet spoke eloquently last week in the Territorial Assembly.

The essence of his first speech was a plea for the complexity of the Tahitian industrial scene to be considered.

In the light of the massive destruction wrought on Papeete by last weekend's riots, it was not surprising that his plea went unobserved.

It will be a long time before any rationalisation of the dockers case can take place

This is a pity. In industrial terms, the dockers have a very powerful case.

Papeete's port is the lifeline of the country. The dockers own that lifeline...in real terms. They have the power to switch on or off the flow of goods to the country. That power is real and the exercise of it is legal, as was noted by High Commissioner Pierre Angeli.

Goods enter the port through the operation of a contract entered into by those who operate the port and those who wish to use the port in order to operate their businesses.

That contract was torn up by the High Commissioner once he went outside Industrial law and used Civil Emergency law to bring in troops. What happened afterwards has nothing to do with the operation of Industrial Life.

South Pacific nations have a long history (our own country included) of violence by governing bodies as a replacement for the hard work of establishing, through legitimate means, day-to-day industrial contracts.

M. Drollet's call to recognise the complexity of the situation was a call to return to operating within legal industrial procedures.

Those procedures were abandoned by the High Commissioner.

BUT...let no one in our country make too many moral judgments about the situation.

We are light years behind France and Tahiti when it comes to industrial contract making.

The Cook Islands has made little real progress in Industrial relations since the NZ government did to CIs. workers precisely what Taheeraa has asked France to do to Tahitian workers.

That was back in 1947.

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Bernard Pons.

Foreign Affairs Minister Norman George's controversial moves in the direction of an "Alliance" with France and Tahiti are closely examined from the French point of view. What IS the case for France that DOM-TOM Minister Bernard Pons is promoting ?

France's policies are examined, too, in the wake of the loss of 20 votes by the Forum at the UN debate on New Caledonia. (above little publicised pro-France Kanak Minister Nenou)

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Special report

les FRENCH MOTIVES

1985....Riots in downtown Noumea, capital of New Caledonia and hottest trouble spot in the French "Empire".

Editor David Lewis has written extensively for Cook Islands publications on the subject of France in the Pacific. A bilingual speaker since an early age, he was brought up on the tiny Anglo-Norman island of Alderney, some six miles from France. In the 1950's he was at times schoolboy, student and teacher in France where he studied under teachers of the then fashionable "existentialist movement". He is a graduate in French literature from the University of Cambridge, U.K.

He claims to have his own private views of the French situation but admits that they are coloured by experiences among political activists during France's embroilment in the Indo-Chinese and Algerian crises of the 1950's.

The JOURNAL notes the above, as (according to Mr. Lewis) anything written on France in the Pacific in the English language is often subject to self-interested abuse by the anglo-saxon press corps members who view the Pacific as their own journalistic territory. They have long ago made up their minds; pro-French stuff is currently unsaleable, anyway; and they get upset when the French apply in French territory the "rules" their unions apply in NZ and Australia and behave in the way their politicians do towards hostile journalists.... according to Mr. Lewis. The JOURNAL believes that there is great misunderstanding on both sides of the white Pacific fence. To assist readers, we have presented,over several weeks, the views of critics of France, political, social and religious. This issue offers some pro-French stances. It is up to readers to make up their own minds. We think we know where we stand. But this is not a propagandist paper. It seeks to offer intelligent readers some assistance in making up their own minds. Incidentally, the fact that the owner of the JOURNAL is a sister of a minister in the Tahoeraa government, in no way affects the impartiality of our reports.

ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES, PRO-FRENCH WRITERS OFFER THE TAHITIAN MAJORITY VIEW

—outrage

(for the latest weekend news of Papeete..P.16)

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What was happening now, said Mr. Drollet, was an imposed dialogue. He added that he saw little reason for staying to take part in such a dialogue.

Whereas M. Drollet and the Ia Mana socialist opposition accused the authorities of "heating things up by the use of troops in order to give an excuse to hit at the dockers", government speakers repeated Mr. Teuira's belief that the incidents which led to troop intervention were not spontaneous.

Mr. Teuira said that what government wished was a rapid return to work. He also stated that all businesses which had been damaged would be indemnified.

"There is a bad system in the ports," he said, "it must be put right."

In their range of speeches, government members spoke of the economy being "menaced" and collective negotiations being thwarted by "dockland rackets."

A stirring address was given by Papeete Mayor Jean Juventin who asked all to "witness that, in the name of Polynesia, such acts of violence as had been seen had no place in a Polynesian scale of values."

Peace was needed, he said, "peace, understanding and solidarity."

the quorums (AN EVERYDAY TALE OF POLITICAL FOLK)

But I thought no more trips minita... yes.... but...
...but I just got back from SUVA minita! yes.... but...
...er... Perliament's coming up soon..... and..... yes.... minita... right away...
ACTING DEPUTY RELIEF CONSUL ...PAPEETE!

tropo

"We're accepting their massive power."

-Hon. Norman George, Atiuan MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chairman of Cabinet.

(in an August interview with the JOURNAL in which he indicated that relations with Tahiti and France were vital to Cook Islands economic, cultural and defence interests).

France and The Pacific

The following article is based on lengthy research and interviews over the last 3 years with both Tahitian government members, pro-French expatriates and Tahitian and French political commentators as well as with our press colleagues from time to time in Tahiti.

Motives (continued from Page 3)

The notorious retreat from Moscow by Napoleon in 1812....burnt deep into the political and national consciousness of all French people. Cynics say it marked the beginning of the long, long retreat of France from its pretensions as a world force. They add that France may now be reduced to defending the last remnants of its imperial power.. in the Pacific! Frenchmen say the 150 year retreat is over...thanks to the independent nuclear deterrant!

The motives for the persistence with which France maintains what, to the Anglo-Saxon ex-colonial powers (UK, USA, NZ, Australia), is an imperialist structure in her territories and, put simply, an "Empire" - when "Empires" are discredited and a total "no-no"....are both positive and negative.

THE NEGATIVE MOTIVES:

The controls exercised by Moscow over "free" communist nations are, in effect, identical in structure to old-style colonial "Empire" controls.

In the socialist world, those countries breaking "free" of Moscow can only do so by withdrawing themselves from the mainstream of the world's economic development.

By choosing Albanian or Burmese-style socialism in isolation, governments dehumanise their people by cutting them off from the rest of humanity.

"Experiments" in the third world such as Tehai's ethical development programmes in Kiribati are highly laudable. They aim at making their countries "live within their means". They thus, however, play into the hands of big powers who control the world's resources by accepting for their people an inferior economic status. It produces a nation of migrants because people will not accept an arbitrary ceiling placed upon their personal development.

Turning from the socialist world, nations accepting the patronage of the Anglo-Saxon powers find themselves enslaved to the private business interests of the companies that control those countries. Neo-colonialism world-wide on USA and UK terms, or in the Pacific on Australian and NZ terms, is as crippling as "pure" colonialism. It can also be worse as it places the destiny of the people in the hands of a new local elite and passing UN "experts". Such a grouping has interest only in perpetuating itself - NOT social change for the people.

In the subtle employ of neo-colonialists at present is the anglo-saxon media working for commercial profit-making magazines and national radio networks, living a fashionable and well-paid lifestyle and travelling the Pacific as the liberal chic conscience of neo-colonial governments.

LIBERALS

They add significantly to the other, crasser, neo-colonial cultural force operating in the Pacific - the USA. Both the liberals and the USA big businesses involved in the dissemination of anglo-saxon cultural values part of a process whose ultimate end will be the subjugation of the Pacific as an Anglophone sphere of interest with anglophone values, and anglophone cash to spend on the products they are required to the people are restricted to buying.

The anglo-saxon liberals are just that ..."liberals" - with a vague desire to point out what is wrong and no programme remotely capable of improving the Pacific people's chances within the global economy.

RAINBOW WARRIOR

Proof of their resolve were the tears shed in NZ by liberals in frustration and anger at the realities of their impotence when normal international forces operated in the resolution of the "Rainbow Warrior" affair.

The energies of the NZ and Australian and NZ liberal media would, of course, be more profitably devoted to an all-out effort to promote the improvement of the lot of their own idigenous people.

France cannot take seriously the liberal postures of the representatives of the nations who made extinct the Tasmanian Aboriginal, paid blankets and beads for Maori land and left their colonies to survive independence without water, electricity, roading, harbours, educational and health services or any infrastructure adequate for them to meet contemporary aspirations on behalf of their people.

France does take seriously the threat they mount to the French people's interests (and that includes Tahitian and Kanak French people) by calculatedly fostering an anti-French climate in the Pacific.

Consequently, France will conduct its national affairs through the medium of the anglo-saxon press which it considers merely a liberal "front" for more sinister anti-French forces.

HAWKE

France, thus, conducts its affairs at a government to government level as a major world political and economic power.

France acted so in the "Rainbow Warrior" affair. It also did in the second round of Forum-sponsored UN debates over New Caledonia.

Mr. Hawke's public tears over his claims that France's supposed "manipulation" of industrial nations such

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—Motives

"FRANCE IS NEEDED"

"The world, in its violence, its contradictions, its explosive instability, has need of the accumulated wisdom of Europe in order to try to achieve greater levels of liberty, greater ability to understand each other, greater humanism, greater peace. And Europe, to maintain its own stability needs France - a radical, lively France, optimistic, hard-working, imaginative and well-wishing according to the best of its historic traditions. The recognition of these needs by the rest of the world depends on us. Achieving it is our great objective for the end of this century."

L.L. Ringuet (Academie Francaise).

tical stances able to accommodate either support for the USSR's defence policies as historically legitimate or for the USA's policies on the same grounds OR BOTH it may be excusable for her to regard the refusal of Australia and NZ to accord the same consideration to France as a sign of inherent hostility.

POSITIVE MOTIVES

The "positive" motives behind France's determination to remain in the Pacific are straightforward to follow.

Everything depends, for their acceptance however, on whether you accept each basic premise which lies behind them.

*The independent nuclear deterrent is a force for peace, prosperity and security.

*The Polynesian Tahitian is both a full Polynesian with all his or her rights as such AND also a full European French citizen with all the rights and opportunities that confers.

*The economic problems facing the Polynesian are no different to those facing the working class everywhere. Equipped with French industrial and social structures (unions, free press, liberal attitudes and a competitive "western economy)the Polynesian in Tahiti is far better able to (a) survive and (b) improve his lot than his brothers, sisters and cousins in anglo-saxon "inde pendent" nations.

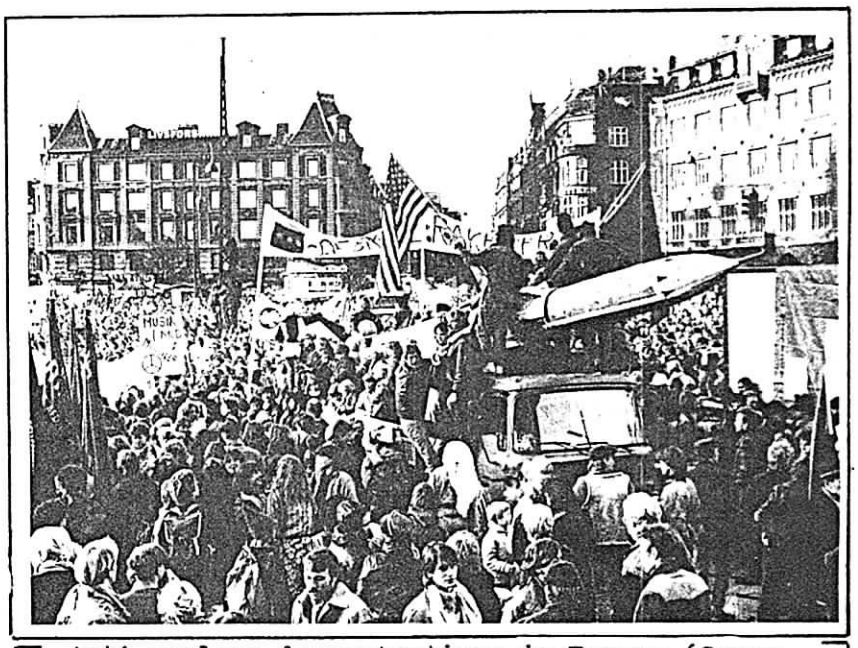
*The advantages of full political independence are illusory. The Tahitian has more realistic advantages, economically, socially, politically and individually.

*Everywhere, the Polynesian is suffering socially and economically (NZ, CI, Hawaii, Samoa, Tonga etc)

*Nowhere is he better off in all respects than in Tahiti. Nowhere is he freer than as a French citizen.

SUMMARY:

Pro-French political observers state:



Anti-nuclear demonstrations in Europe (Copenhagen 1983). Anti-nuclearists generally see their global movement polarised terms. You are either for or against. French apologists claim that such stances have little merit as they deny the complexities of the nuclear deterrent and the realities of global economic forces. Those complexities and realities are experienced uniquely on a day-to-day basis in Tahiti.

To many Tahitians, the anti-nuclear movement is a white liberal "hobby" unable to offer anything to the Polynesian in Tahiti. Ironically, the Nuclear question manages, at the same time, to unify the forces of the right and fragment these of the left...in the broad spectrum of Tahitian politics.

-The Pacific is still gripped in the pre- and post- independence rhetoric of Africa. Historically, that rhetoric was understandable and was based upon similar nationalist rhetoric in 19th Century Europe. It is the expression of schoolchild ideology. It also betrays the people it is supposed to benefit because, taking no account of economic realities, it ends in the achievement of a rhetorical independence which has no economic substance. The nation ends up in the hands of neo-colonialists. And the people end up worse than they were before independence.

The ideology of "independence" is waning in appeal. Africans now face an eternity paying its price.

Unfortunately, the Pacific has to go through that phase. We have no right to tell anyone what they must believe. We do have a right, we feel, to stand firm on behalf of the economic realities which face all people so that ideology does not destroy people as it has done under all *sorts of* different banners in the twentieth century.

In Tahiti, France seeks a genuine partnership between Europe and Polynesia.

We see Western Europe being culturally betrayed by the US take-over of the media now being closely followed by Australian commercial moves in that area. And we see Polynesia being betrayed by the need for Australia and NZ to have their own economic zone of influence to exploit.

AND THE COOK ISLANDS?

You may be in a better position than anyone in Polynesia..providing you can successfully exploit NZ and Australia to your advantage. Your links with Tahiti are important in establishing the partnership of free peoples we all wish to see.

You are, however, politically irrelevant.

You pass all your economic and social problems on to NZ and therefore do not have to face reality. NZ citizenship is YOUR nuclear bomb. If you imagine being forced to give it up and think of the economic

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as Canada and Sweden and of the world's third most powerful economic force, Japan,

are preposterous.

Just as Mr. Hawke has to fit his early theoretical "leftist" views to the need to create a concensus to retain power, so he is merely offering a public crumb to his liberal constituency by evoking global conspiracies when faced with the reality of a UN vote he did not like.

France believes there to be a concerted move by the Anglo-Saxon powers to drive her out of the Pacific.

They can hardly be surprised, therefore, if France resists.

As for the "Bomb", that is France's independent nuclear deterrent. All arguments, therefore, regarding it need to be considered within the context of France's historical position on nuclear deterrence. All other debate may be interesting and full of impressive rhetoric...but is sterile.

Finally, when France sees Anglo-Saxon poli-

RIGHT: Foreign Minister, Norman George - an openly pro-French policy in many areas.

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consequences of 30000 returning jobless citizens, you will be in a good position to understand Tahiti.

The above, to the best of our ability is the French case...compiled from statements and pronouncements by French and Tahitian commentators as well as by ordinary Tahitian citizens. The JOURNAL hopes readers over the last ten weeks have received sufficient information to assess all sides of a question which is more than just a side issue to us.

As Norman George remarked to us, "We have much to gain from France and the restoration of close ties with our Tahitian neighbours."

When asked whether he saw us moving towards a Tahitian-style future, his answer was firm: "Yes! And why not ?"

We leave you, readers, to form your own views. To Atiuans, for whom, Tahiti is the second home where you have land, relatives and a 100 year old history of joint economic endeavour, we hope this series has opened up understanding of our other "fenua" and its problems.

To conclude this article from the French point of view, we offer the following analysis of the French and non-French Pacific by a committed Tahoeraa writer; (source La Depeche).

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THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION

CONSTITUTION 22

As this shot from the USP Bulletin shows, Constitution Day 1987 was celebrated in a small but impressive ceremony by our USP students. Not even the many problems besetting the unhappy nation of Fiji could dispel the obvious pride of CIers singing the national anthem as the flag is raised.

REGIONAL NEWS

politics and economics

If one places the political debate about supposed "colonialism on the part of France on an economic level, certain observations seem to be worth considering:

Consulting statistics I have no reason to doubt as they originate from EEC research, I notice that the average personal wealth disposed of by French Polynesians in 1986 placed Tahiti on a world list between Saudi Arabia in 24th. place and France in 26th place.

It appears curious to define as a "colony" a territory whose individual citizens are richer than those of the mother country!

I was in the habit of considering a "colony" to be something akin to the British possession of Pitcairn where the inhabitants exist from copra and postage stamp sales!

I note that among the 24 which are deemed wealthier per inhabitant than French Polynesia, 12 are so-called tax havens and four are offshore banking zones.

What is even more to the point is that, of the remaining 8, all except Japan and West Germany are historically "new" industrial giants or politically neutral industrial nations. Japan and West Germany alone appear to have obtained their position not through being advantageously placed regarding raw materials, but by being "better" than their competitors.".

In the South Pacific, the list is interesting to read:

Only Australians at $US11080 p.a. boast a higher per capita income.

French Polynesia stands second in the Region on $9190 US dollars.

New Zealand drops to 37th place in the Southern Hemisphere on $US6770, below New Caledonia, 33rd on $US8066.

The list continues to be interesting as we get to the other SP nations.

In the Southern Hemiphere, Guam is next at 38th. (US$ 6720.).

In 44th place we arrive at Nauru, the first "independent" territory followed by, in order, US Samoa 58th. $US4000; Fiji 91st ($US1750); Wallis & Futuna ($US 1210); 106th. Cook Is. ($US1190)....

NB: The JOURNAL has found out that a group of NZ economists this year evaluated the Rarotongan per capita at $4000NZ, taking that island well out of Developing Nation status and provoking a future JOURNAL article! The Davis government are believed to have (at best) not published the figures or (at worst) suppressed them.

...116th FSM ($US1050) 119th Niue ($US1000); 134th. Papua New Guinea ($US741)...in other words, 11 times poorer than its neighbouring kanak nation of New Caledonia; 135th. Tonga ($US750); 138th. W. Samoa($US690..and six times poorer than their US Samoan neighbours); 140th. Vanuatu ($US642); 143rd. Tuvalu ($US580); 146th. Tokelau ($US560); 149th. Solomons ($US 538); 154th Kiribati ($US450).

Let us now look at the status of our Pacific neighbours whose people enjoy the benefits of an "approved" political situation and compare them

— Politics

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with the supposed "colony" of French Polynesia.

Nauru will soon cease to exist and most of its inhabitants will be in Australia. Unit of currency $AUS.

Fiji is totally dependent on successful tourism (now under threat because of political instability) and a sugar crop dependent upon prices fixed in America or Europe. Through the Lome Convention, it disposes of 40% of its sugar on unreal market terms.

The Cook Islands is entirely dependent on its relationship with New Zealand...

...in view of the fact that an estimated 30000 CIs-ers live in NZ, this is probably a fair statement..ED.

FSM is the highest aid recipient in the world. USA picks up an annual agriculture deficit of $US½m.

Niue, within the NZ dollar zone is in the process of becoming a virtual total food importer.

..... and so on, through them all, the massively dependent "independent" states of the former English-Speaking Pacific Empire, more dependent than ever as each year passes.

Obviosly, French Polynesia is infinitely better off economically than any of its "independent" neighbours. Its 1½ billion dollar GNP places it 121st in the world,.... (NB: All these stats appear to be attributed to EEC figures.)

behind only NZ (57th) and Australia (11th) in the Region and far outstripping all other island nations except New Caledonia (127th).

NB: The CIs. ranks 193rd. on a given $US25m. budget.

CRITERIA

Our wealth obviously is highly dependent upon our realtionship with France, much of it being the result of remittance from France and through salaries paid by France.

Two criteria in achieving national wealth are vital. One is political stability. The other is having something original to exploit.

Tahiti's political stability has been long-standing and has witnessed changes of party and constitutional changes with no undue stress.

In terms of our originality in what we have to offer both as a market commodity and as a value to each of our citizens:

*We are the only French nation in an Anglo-Saxon ocean (in Polynesia). This allows us to develop a special relationship with Canada and Francophone Africa.

*We are French citizens and the only EEC represented nation in the Region, apart from Pitcairn.

*Our fiscal system based on the Pacific franc is highly advantageous for citizens and investors alike.

*We have our geographical, climatic and cultural uniqueness.

As for the political opposition, there exist four types in Tahiti:

1. Oscar Temaru's independantistes who see in the presence of France the repository of all Pacific problems. They have no political or economic programme and in their amalgum of religious racism resseble the fascist right wing in France.

2. The socialists of Jacques Drollet who, although having had a social programme for a long time, have (like their equivalents in France) little by way of clear objectives other than to agree vaguely with Temaru on certain issues. They are less racist. One searches in vain for a coherent programme designed to deal with the total development of Polynesia.

3. The conservative "traditionalists" who made up the United Front. They have been in dissarray without their long-time leadership, and beyond offering a return to traditional patronage, have few proposals.

4. A new group of rich opposition businessmen.....

(We presume the writer refers here to Quito Braun Ortega) ED.

NZ High Commisioner to Tuvalu (and Fiji) Mr. Rod Gates signs an international agreement constituting the Tuvalu Trust with an initial capital base of A$27m.

....seeking to gain advantage for themselves and their companies in the manner in which many traditional fortunes have been made in the Territory's history - through the control of the import trade.

The fact of the Tahitian situation is that, for the ordinary Tahitian citizen, politics is placed on an economic level. He requires a political system which is understandable in terms of his own life, which offers personal development hopes, which democratically respects his rights and acts consistently in his interest.

Comment

The JOURNAL offers a socialist editorial policy in broad CIs. terms.

In practical terms, this means we are interested in people having equal rights to everything....including information!

We also respect our readers' ability and wish to make up their own minds.

So we may be a socialist paper at heart. But we are not a propaganda publication for anyone or any philosophy. Hence, although Tahoeraa Huiatiraa in Tahiti (very close to being the equivalent of our Coalition) does not represent what we believe to be socialist principles, we openly present its views so that readers can make up their own minds.

Finally, as mentioned, Tahoeraa is a right of centre coalition of which our own coalition offers a very clear echo. Tahoeraa last year put together the first majority coalition party under a single banner to win a Tahitian election in 30 years.

Our own coalition aims to do the same. Its methods and its basic appeal are likely to ressemble closely those of Tahoeraa.

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AFTER WORK
WEEK-ENDS
TONIGHT
WELCOME

THE WRECK

THE GAMES

It hurts..But 'NO'

In recent weeks, CIs writing has been distinguished by a thoughtful, provoking and thoroughly informed debate upon the question of whether we should be participating in this year's SPG in Noumea. "SEARCH" magazine, in its last issue, published lengthy analyses by Editor John Herrmann and ex-National Rugby coach Terry Hagan (Atiu!). John Herrmann looked into the overall questions of ethical interest while Terry Hagan offered an outstanding piece of local sports writing while arguing that, in his view, the current CIs. Rugby XV had few grounds upon which they could justifiably be sent. Meanwhile, in CINews, Hugh Henry (President CISOA) presented sincere held and profound reasons why he felt we should go. Thankfully, none of the three regurgitated the tedious cliches about "sport & politics (long buried in the rest of the world!) Hugh came close at times but his considerations about Regional Sports Development and what our youth owes to the SPG carry strong weight. It is from the same Regional perspective that we offer our own analysis below.

The political strength of the Pacific Islands as a region, in its bargaining with the industrial states of the Pacific Rim and with the world, will benefit from the effective growth of Regional co-operation."

—R. Crocombe

Cook Islands Outer Is. children have still rarely left their own island shores when they enter their single-stream Form 1 class.

Many have yet to venture beyond the reef which has encircled their existence since birth.

They come from overcrowded homes. The power goes on and off according to the state of the fuel supplies or according to the availability of spare generator parts or according to the mood of the operator. The water tank dries up from time to time according to the state of the geo-thermal cycles or according to God or according to the spirits of the ancestors. The latrine runs out of supplies according to the availablity of leaves or according to the production rate of CINews. The baby cries. Mother gives hidings. Father drinks. The plantation is a long, hot walk away.

Growing up means coping with a world beyond immediate control. And coping always seems to depend on outsiders.

Foreign artefacts abound. The key to learning is a foreign book. book. Leisure means a foreign video.

School, a job, a chance in life...all these things, it is sensed very early on, are dependent upon mastering a foreign tongue.

Life is immediate things. Sweeping the leaves. Minding the baby. Going down the shop. The match. The game of marbles in the dirt by the side of the road. The clip round the ear.

It is an upbringing conditioned by the exigencies of the extended family economic unit. Romanticised by the liberal and the tourist, cursed by the social worker, and despised by the bourgeoisie, it is an upbringing which dehumanises the child in terms of future capacity to exercise control over personal affairs.

It produces whole classroomsful of dependent serfs. It creates ultimate irony of Polynesia - the economic absurdity of a "land-owning proletariat"!

The combined industrial might of the UK and NZ devoted 142 years to the creation of such impoverished children.

It took the CIs. government and the South Pacific Region ten years to turn the best of them into University graduates and all of them into products of a structure which humanised by offering the Outer Islands child the chance to obtain knowledge, skills and experience which could lead to being the first generation of Atiuans, Mangaians, Maukeans and Aitutakians with a chance to exercise a measure of control over their own destiny.

It is in this light (the human growth of CIs. citizens) that the South Pacific Region must be seen.

And what a wealth of opportunities for such growth have been created by the Region and its institutions. And with what saddened hearts do Regionalists view the prospect of throwing CIs. youth back on the untender mercies of NZ or Australia or anywhere else outside the Region.

Such a prospect offers the vision of a new

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SPORT

A phew for Hugh

As we note in the intro (left) to our analysis of the SPG Issue, it appears that generally speaking, the country has been left mercifully free of the decrepit cliches surrounding the "sport & politics" non-issue.

CISOA President Hugh Henry narrowly missed hauling the old chestnuts out of the basket at times, but, full credit to the President, his comments were a decided number of rungs up the ladder of brains, sensitivity and tolerance compared with the offerings of such as NZRFU, Twickers Inc. and others leading the debate from the sports side.

If Mr. Henry does lead our team to Noumea, it will offer some comfort to those who sincerely believe we should NOT go, that he is on record to be supporting participation for other than "sportsmen have a right to do what they please" reasons.

Mr. Henry's rationale is intelligent. He sees the SPG interms of human CIs. development. And he is right to note how important the Games have been to this nation.

Even strong opponents will acknowledge that Mr. Henry's words have merit.

Phew! The debate has been intelligent! We feared the worst. Keep it up, Hugh, but for pity's sake stay clear of the "sport & politics" stuff. It's kindergarten!

THE GAMES

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era of impoverishment. It evokes the image of a return to days when a CIs child was a "good lad" (never a "good lass"!) if he got out of Form Two with a "Certificate" which permitted him to practise barely grasped half-skills on the next generation of schoolchildren or patients or vehicles.

Bad days. When fathers left for Makatea. Or Auckland. So as to send back a bit of cash.

Crushing days. Spent planting, decade after decade of subsistence crops, measuring success in the number of post-menopause committees he or she had earned the right to contribute to by way of misunderstanding.

Colonial days. Peace. Tranquillty. Boys Brigade obedience.

Subservient days. Dependent perhaps upon the arrival every now and then of a well-meaning RA to offer personal energy and a monument or two. A school here. A passage there. A cutting. A new crop, to replace the previous new crop.

What splendid contrasts have been on offer these last ten to fifteen years!

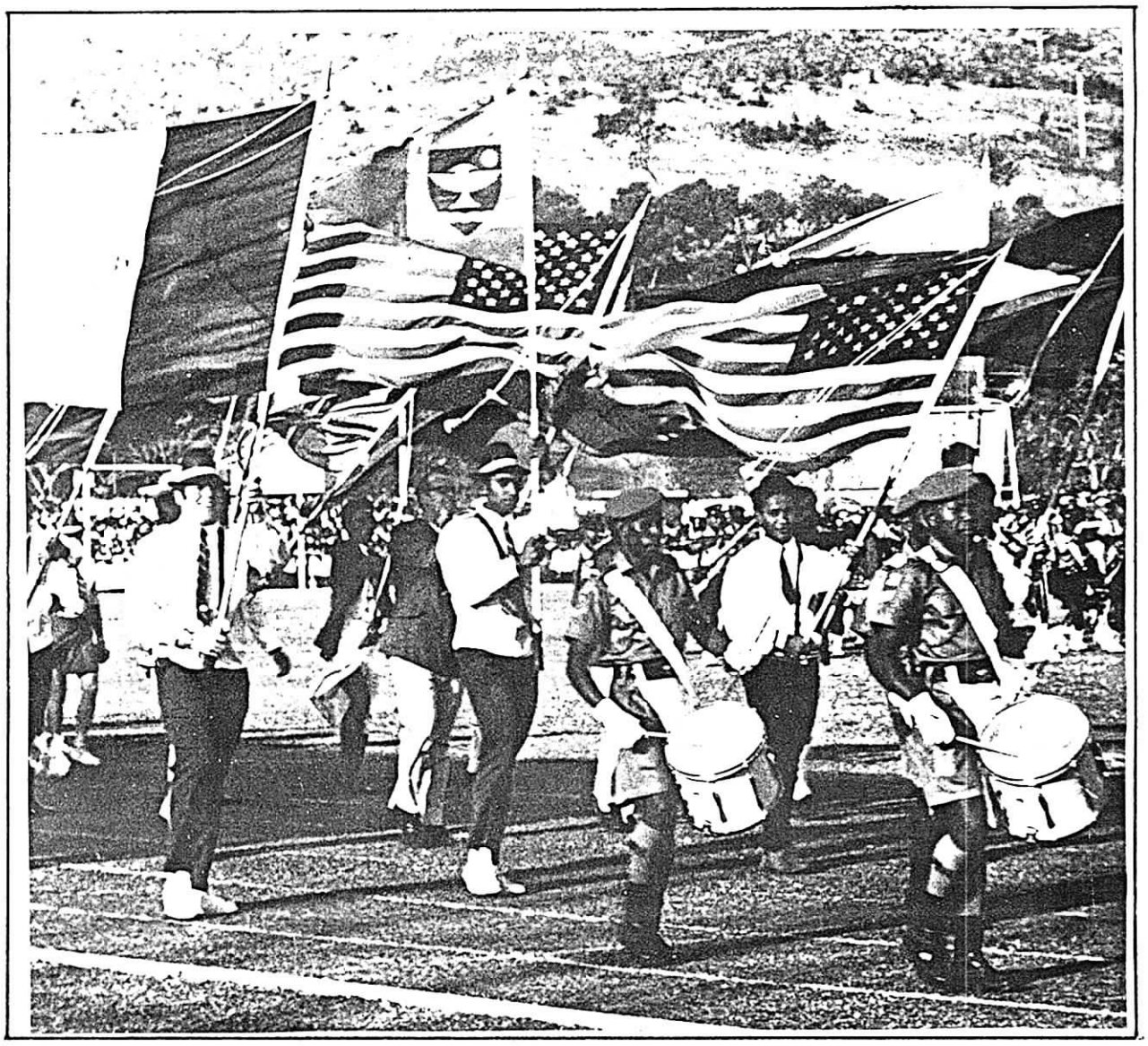
CONFERENCES

The basis of it...the unique opportunities offered by the USP and the South Pacific Region.

But education has been only one of multitude of marvellous human achievements owed to Regional development.

And oh, the excitement of the Great Regional Moments! The Arts Festival. The Games. The Conferences. The Seminars. The Group visits in clubs and churches and schools and communities...

And, inaddition, all the half-emerging things to come. The still-dream things. The writers, the artists, the film-makers...their day just beginning.



The moment all participants treasure in their memories for the rest of their lives...the South Pacific Games Opening Ceremony. Multi-national, multi-racial, multi-lingual and all peace, tolerance, fun and mutual respect. What the Games were all about. And, until 1987, what, in dreams, the Region was all about. (1969 Games Opening Ceremony, Port Moresby, PNG)

All of it and inspiration. To the lost urban Aucklander. To the alienated Hawai'ian. The despairing Micronesian. The crushed Melanesian.....

Professor Ron Crocombe, one of the intellectual founders of modern regionalism, once said to a group of young Mangaians, "You are not like the despairing youth on The Rim of the Pacific wondering what to do with your lives."

He urged them to look at the opportunities existing for them in the Region.

"Every time you see an aid worker, aim to have that job one day. Find out what it takes and go and get it."

It was, Prof. Crocombe told them, " a marvellous time of opportunity in the history of the Region."

Inspiring words. Maybe too exciting.

A young Fijian marxist recently offered an alternative view of what he called the "USP version of the Pacific."

"What the intellectuals believed was the Ragion was, in fact, their own elite clubroom. And they've made a great living out of promoting their 'club'. But they have never had any connection with the life of the Pacific worker in Auckland, or even Suva, or the subsistence peasant throughout the Region."

"DESTRUCTURED"

He claimed that classic regionalists have assisted in perpetuating backward social structures disguised as "culture" or "history".

What such hard-line views may be overlooking, though, are the positive achievements that are making profound impacts upon the life of the Pacific.

These institutions, especially USP, may be singuarly imperfect at times but without them much of our public becomes extremely "destructured".

But, there is no doubt that there is a new harder generation of Pacific thinkers who now see Professor Crocombe's generation as reactionary and, in the words reported to us from the radical heartland of Pacific thinking, Auckland University, "unwilling to move over."

Whatever side one takes in a philosophical debate upon Regionalism, the grim facts of 1987 remain as we noted in our survey in last week's JOURNAL.

And, face to face with Pacific realities on the streets of Auckland and Honolulu, in Papeete, Noumea, and Suva, on the PNG border, in the pinex video-lit shacks of Micronesia, among the shaky ruling caucuses and beside the tourist swimming pools, one is persuaded to lament.

What did it all mean, this "Pacific Way" ?

THE WAY ?

Had it any connection at all with what we see today?

Is it the Pacific Way ...the one that now signposts the long spiralling decline of Fiji ?

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THE GAMES

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Is it the Pacific Way ...the ceremonial path that Wingti ploughed through in Vila last month on his way to slaughter a pig in public and roar out his affirmation "I AM A MELANESIAN AND THERE ARE FIVE MILLION OF US!" ?

Is it the Pacific Way ....that street through Vaima the Papeete mob strode on their way to burn and loot ?

Micronesia's teenage suicides....
August's Mongrel Mob gang rape in an Auckland Park...
4 a.m. ten year old beggars in Apia's market.....
16 year old prostitutes in Noumea...?
The powdered, perfumed travesties outside the Golden Dragon ...?

Is that the Pacific Way ?

Has it, in fact always been that ?

Yes.

There is no other honest answer.

MUSACK

But, to us as yet, it is not openly apparent. The much-abused Tom and now the inheritor of his abuse, Norman, have protected us from it all. For better or for worse.

And, for a while, they have enabled the musack to play on...

...by hiring Jacques Chirac to pay the musicians.

But it won't last more than a couple of choruses more.
The crash when it comes will hurt
only those ordinary citizens who have no alternative to singalong with whatever tune is played by those in power.

Like the Outer Is. child for whom the Regional crash is a severe blow.

Hence, somehow, it is essential to maintain faith in the Region.

If thoughts such as those expressed in this article are not to lead to numbing despair over a waste of years of endeavour, an effort must be made to come to terms with the new post 1987 Region, not reject it but see it as offering new and harder challenges.

POLARISING

Our own government faces the challenge of <u>not</u> plunging us into neo-colonialism.

Our intellectual community faces the challenge of recognising and working with the economic developments promoted by entrepreneurs.

Our commercial leaders face the challenge of a society rapidly polarising into a dangerous Tahitian style elite and non-elite structure.

Our traditional and community leaders face the challenge of modern life offering greater and greater threats to their power and relevance.

We all face the challenge of deciding whether we are going to accept Mealanesia's and Micronesia's and Polynesia's historical situation as being bound up with our own.

Are we part of this newer and tougher region or not ?

If we care about our children having a real chance, the answer must be...WE ARE!

And as evidence of a committment to this new, vital Region, the JOURNAL most respectfully asks our sports leaders to align themselves with the leaders of Kanaky and not take part in the South Pacific Games in Noumea.

Why ?

Because the FLNKS do not want us to.

A photo summing up all that the Region is supposed to stand for in terms of amateur sport, fraternal rivalry, and equality of race, nation, culture and creed. LEFT: Vanuatu's Charles Godden (now a Vila MP) and the all-time great Tahitian sprinter, Jean Bourne.

And to listen to them would restore to a position of respectful joint membership of the type of Region we shall undoubtedly see existing in the 21st century - a Region which we today accept or reject on behalf of our grandchildren.

New Zealand ODA programme totals $118.5M 1986 – 87

SUMMARY OF 1986-87 ODA EXPENDITURE

(Vote Foreign Affairs ODA Programme)	$000
Bilateral Assistance	83,354
Multilateral Assistance	20,885
South Pacific Shipping	11,864
Administration	2,442
TOTAL	118,545

Bilateral assistance

SOUTH PACIFIC	$000
Cook Islands	14,266
Federated States of Micronesia	66
Fiji	6,486
Kiribati	3,102
Marshall Islands	5
New Caledonia	9
Niue	7,498
Palau	5
Papua New Guinea	3,410
Solomon Islands	3,017
Tokelau	3,644
Tonga	5,184
Tuvalu	6,771
Vanuatu	2,362
Western Samoa	7,203
Regional	4,895
Voluntary Agency Support	237
TOTAL PACIFIC	68,160

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NZ

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Education

SOUTH PACIFIC	$000
Cook Islands	356
Federated States of Micronesia	66
Fiji	812
Kiribati	394
Marshall Islands	5
New Caledonia	4
Niue	287
Palau	5
Papua New Guinea	167
Solomon Islands	490
Tonga	821
Tuvalu	253
Vanuatu	474
Western Samoa	1,527
TOTAL SOUTH PACIFIC	5,661

South Pacific

SOUTH PACIFIC INSTITUTIONS	$000
South Pacific Commission	1,232
South Pacific Bureau for Economic Co-operation	1,210
Forum Fisheries Agency	235
South Pacific Regional Environment Programme	70
TOTAL SOUTH PACIFIC	2,747

In spite of frequent headline hunting rhetoric from memebrs of both governments, New Zealand and the Cook Islands remain, of course, very close allies in terms of economic development. In the significant area of education, this may grow in the future to an even closer relationship as students are predicted to be likely to opt for NZ further education and training rather than within the USP Region.

NZ's main thrust with aid is the South Pacific but other figures available indicate a small, growing involvement in Africa and Asia.

NZ's role in visible "in-the-field" projects is of course the public and often more glamorous side of her involvement in the developmeent of the SP Region. However, these projects come and go and depend upon regular re-negotiation. They are also sometimes subject to change occasioned by the political climate of the day. What is re-assuring at a far deeper and more lasting,level is the continued committement evidenced above by NZ to the maintenance of the major Regional institutions.

Cook Islands economic development, it must be also noted, depends not only upon the published level of NZ aid (above) but also on the unseen constitutional "aid" offered by NZ in performing its role as the repository of many thousands of otherwise unemployable Cook Islanders.

Press

Geoffrey Henry MP

Te Akataura

Mr Henry stays in the Centre

Review

OPPOSITION LEADER COMMENDS JOURNAL

Right, folks, first the bad news....and there's not too much of it!

1. One "non-exclusive" lead article on the PM & the Stripper done in greater depth by the JOURNAL three weeks ago. Unimportant ...but ending in a hint of a smear written in identical style to the "Stripper" article. Come on, lads! If Norman George or Iaveta Short or whoever were behind the PM smear..then out with it and prove it. Anything else is not journalism! The JOURNAL's turned down a stack of gossip which has turned out to be just that...GOSSIP! If we take on a story, we guarantee it's got some "hardness" in it!
2. Two...a bit of old-style knifing and counter knifing about Bill Paiti maybe possibly perhaps doing nasty things to Harold Browne.

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tractor to prove it. Deep down, all is openness, frankness, honesty, quality, equality concern, awareness and brown-ness. Like taking a spa with the Mongral Mob!

Seriously though...really...honest...it's a brilliant production. Extremely socially democratic. It won't say a great deal to the Tahitian dockers but it does prove that NZ is proving that it can prove **something.** And what better proof can you get than that.

It will also go down extremely well in the College library in lieu of teachers.

It may not be pored over at smoko time in the oasis but should match up well alongside the others on the new Burkina Faso Minister's coffee table alongside his Uzi.

All in all, absolutely super. And if Tom Davis had been able to get hold of Anne Stark to do his PR, he'd still have been Prime Minister. Which may or may not be a compliment. To someone!

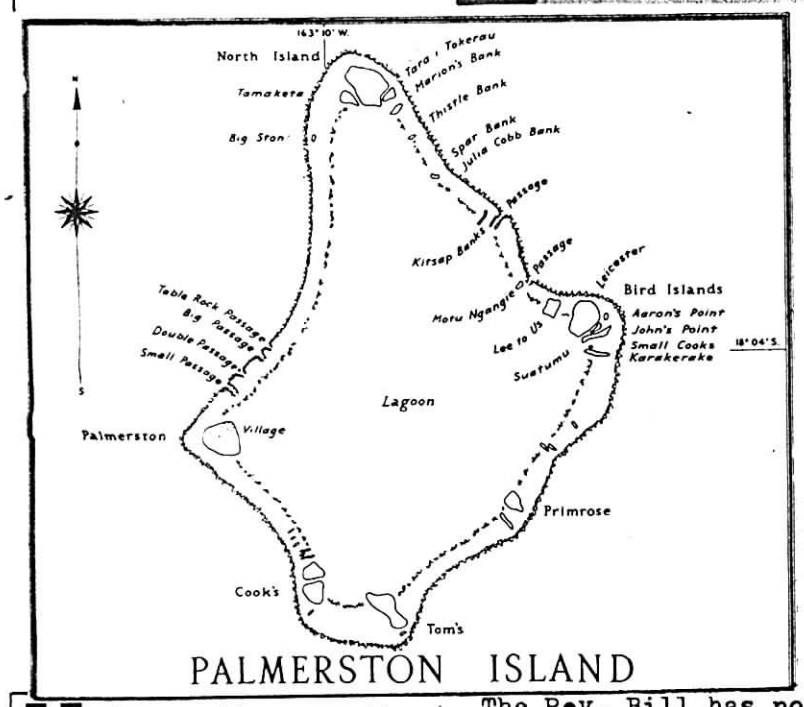
NOTE: Some of our best friends are NZ Reps! Honest! ED.

(The JOURNAL acknowledges the use of material in this article from NZ DEVELOPMENT.)

development

Review No question about it. You can't keep a good yuppie down! And now the octopus tentacles of the emanating from the pulpy core of Social Democratica have wrapped up another amiable of old conservative shellfish in the form of the NZ Development Magazine. And an extremely yuppie job is made of it by Editor (who else but a "W O M A N) Anne Stark. Superb surface gloss. All slippery and sensual with very black headlines. A bit like a Porsche ad. Topping the bill are the inevitable front line chorus of newly emancipated hard-line females fully abreast (down you sexist rat!) of their modern role and ready to mount the nearest Bilateral

Making good a promise



PALMERSTON ISLAND

He has a disconcerting habit, does the Rev. Bill Marsters. He frequently breaks off conversation in mid-sentence and launches into a seas shanty.

It's not any old sea shanty, either. It's likely to be one from a vast repertoire - superb lost examples of the genre from the ports of 19th Century England, group rousers learnt off yachties who drop in from time to time at his native Palmerston, or even one of a strange assortment of workingmen's or students' ballads from the States...again learnt from passers-by up North.

The Rev. Bill knows them off by heart and sings them in a haunting, mellow tenor with a diction still hinting of the ancient Gloucestershire ancestry he proudly proclaims.

Few Cook Islanders mention the European ancestors which most nowadays have somewhere along the line. There has to be some deep-seated reason, one feels.

Albert Wendt, the Samoan writer, has written about the complex feelings he has towards his European side.

The Rev. Bill has no such problem. He talks on and on...beneath the stars...wrapped up against the evening chill..always about his family and their history...and their tiny(65 population) island.

For once, it is the sea shanty that gets broken off in mid-chorus....

"You know the government sacked me," he says, "sacked me as CAO!"

"Politics, of course", he adds with a smile.

"Worse than that, though, they interfered with our island's development programme."

Rev. Bill claims the Government removed generators, the freezer and the ice-making equipment used to back up their export fishing catch.

"We were getting up to $7 a kg in Rarotonga," he says, "and that's good cash you can't just give up on."

"I promised the family, I'd do something about it...without government, if necessary."

What Rev. Bill did, in fact, was turn himself into a one-man aid negotiating team for Palmerston.

"Oh, I take no notice of red tape," he says.

"It's not needed and it's only there to give people work!"

Bill set off on his own earlier this year for NZ armed with letters of introduction, project documents, submissions and proposals as carefully prepared and documented as any you would see prepared by the pro planners in Development.

"There's a lot of mystique about aid, "he claims, "but really there's nothing magic. You do the hard work and then you march up and go and see the embassies and the people with the money."

Bill keeps in touch with Government and the Ministry ("there's certain formalities both sides require") but basically what he set out to do in Wellington was to cut to the heart of the aid business and obtain quick, personal results for his island.

"I mainly tried the Netherlands Embassy," he says.

"I wasn't too sure of the procedure, so I walked in with my project and asked to see the chap in charge!"

He got a warm, polite welcome.

"They told me that sooner or later, we'd have to bring the Government in on it, but we had no problem getting down to business."

He and his committee of Tuakana, Bob, Aka, Taepae, and Dick (Marsters', of course!) had formulated a $41,000 project for the permanent establishment of a fishing industry for Palmerston.

"To make sure, we're in charge of our own stuff and no one from governement can come along and decide to take it off us!" he explains.

They operated through the Small Embassy Projects programme and asked for a boat and trailer, a tractor, an outboard motor and a generator.

It is only one of several development projects Bill seeks to promote as Palmerston Island Development Projects co-ordinator.

They are after an Aluminum Cargo lighter and a Hurricane Safety Centre also at this time.

"We just don't sit up there and fish," he says, "we've got plans and a long term future the same as any other island."

Atiu Motel...

Your Host and Hostess
- Dr Roger and Kura Malcolm
Guides
- Taio, Tangi, Vaine and Aukino

GETTING THERE... MOTEL BOOKINGS
Air Rarotonga Tel 22-888
Cook Islandair Tel 20-304
Both airlines handle Atiu Motel reservations.

We get back to the NZ trip.

Already, he is excitedly looking forward to taking some of the heavy equipment he has brought back from NZ on the boat up to Palmerston.

"And I'm very hopeful of the aid project coming off, too," he adds.

It's a lot of talking and the main thrust of the talk darts and swoops off in as many directions a parrotfish dodging a net.

Inevitably, we get to considering the place left in a modern, bureaucratic world for the individual.

He relishes the subject.

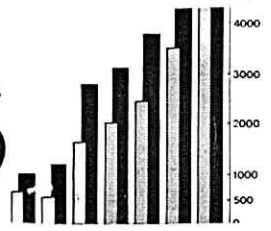
It launches him off on another ancestral tale....all rugged individual hero figure fighting a (winning) battle against the malevolent forces of bureaucracy or authority...a simple plot designed to produce strong, clear-eyed fearless heroes.

Like Rev. Bill..

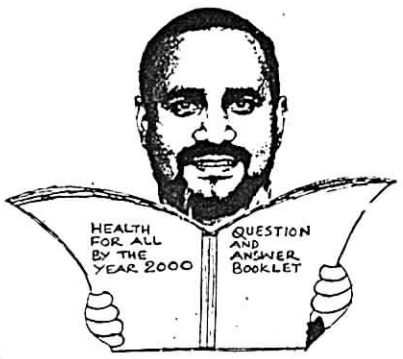
"And then, he....I say do you know this song ?"

And we're off into another shanty..and if you look up at the bright black sky..there more than a suspicion that some of those stars up there are twinkling in rhythm.

LIFE OF FACTS unv



DEAR DOCTOR ... Medicine



The JOURNAL once more expresses thanks on behalf of our readers to UNV officers Surresh and Subhash Vatsyyayan for their regular excellent series on health and nutrition.

Dear Doctor,

QUESTION—

Why are the trainee volunteer health workers so worried about lice in our hair ? Do the lice harm us ? What do they eat ? How do you get rid of them or prevent them ?

ANSWER

Gone must be the days when lice infestation was considered a status symbol and yet this ectoparasite seems to be the commonest companion of people in Atiu. (73% of families were infested with head lice last year).

Manual de-lousing seems to be a family affair.

Lice live on or close to the scalp where food (with blood), moisture, warmth and egg-laying sites are easily available.

They attach to the hair base by strong claws and suck blood.

To keep the inflow of blood easy, they secrete an ante-coagulant and the blood doesn't clot.

One female lives about a month and lays about 300 eggs.

You may well imagine the plight of a good host if this carries on for one year or more!

If one sees a person scratching his head time and again, the first possibility would be a louse.

If one family member is infested, others in all probability will have it.

Like scabies, head lice have no respect for class, and increased social mixing is spreading these all over.

These are passed over to dear friends either by direct physical contact or through sharing of hair brushes and combs.

Excessive sweating, poor personal hygiene, sickly growing and curly hair are additional factors.

Ignorance would perhaps top the list.

Lice suck considerable amounts of blood, cause itching, boils, blisters, eczemas and other skin infections.

Body lice can cause **serious** diseases like **epidemic typhus** etc.

The pubic louse is a different kind found attached to pubic and lower abdominal skin.

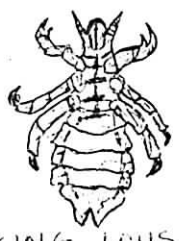
It may also be found at axillary and other hairy areas like eyebrows and even eyelashes.

Keeping the above in view, dear reader, like scabies prevention, every family member should take treatment at a time which will avoid recurrence due to communication within the family.

There are some very good medicines to be applied, available in your clinics which can eradicate lice within one or two applications only. Consult your doctor.

Remember, in addition to the treatment, good personal hygiene and avoidance of sharing of hairbrushes and combs will be of great help.

Either discard the old combs and brushes or thoroughly wash those and apply the same medicines to these at least once.



SUCKING LOUSE (HEAD LOUSE) LIVING ON 73% FAMILIES IN ATIU LAST YEAR.

BITING LOUSE

Clothes can easily be disinfected by boiling.

Hot water machine laundering and hot ironing should be done, especially inside out. This procedure will take care of scabies and fungal infections, too.

LOOK

by Subhash Vatsyayann

Enjoy this

—Pi—

When you walk around Atiu, especially in and around coffee and other plantations, you will find a shrub purposely brought to Atiu for increasing the soil fertility.

Leguminous plants like this (all other beans, too) have root nodules (nitrogen-fixing bacteria) which are excellent natural fertilisers of the soil.

Besides, the beans (legumes, pulses) which are grown on it are a very good source of food containing high proteins and good quality unsaturated fats.

However, due perhaps to ignorance, most people are not making use of these beans in Atiu.

They think the beans are inedible.

It is for their information that these beans are as good as meat in their protein content, especially when ripe.

They can be cooked when green. They can also be cooked when dry and ripe.

The shrub is easy to grow. Once growing, it bears fruit for long periods of time.

Practically no care need be taken for its maintenance. Above all, it makes the soil fertile while it provides high quality food for us.

(Various recipes NEXT ISSUE)

—Education—

The Health Department announced that the results of their 1987 Health Survey for Atiu will be soon available.

Examinations and tests are due to be completed this week.

Also announced is a December 5 date for the formal closure of the Workers' Training Course for Volunteer Health Workers.

Dr. Vatsyayann tells us that he has great hopes that the Director of Health will be able to attend in order to present certificates to the successful participants.

READERS SURVEY

Letters this week came in from Guam, the USA and NZ, together with a batch of local comments from readers.

Dr Becky Steffensen up in Guam expresses great pleasure in being able to keep up with the local news through the JOURNAL. She recently successfully delivered a paper on Atiuan education in Tokyo. Congratulations, e Becky. Also, acting as an unofficial correspondent way up North Becky sends us a lot of Micronesian news.

A local reader says that she doesn't like the long sentences we use! Nor do we. It comes from not having full time to edit "raw footage"! But we are aware and doing our best to improve. T H A N K S F O R T H E C O M M E N T S.

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Vera

WORLD WAR 6

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY

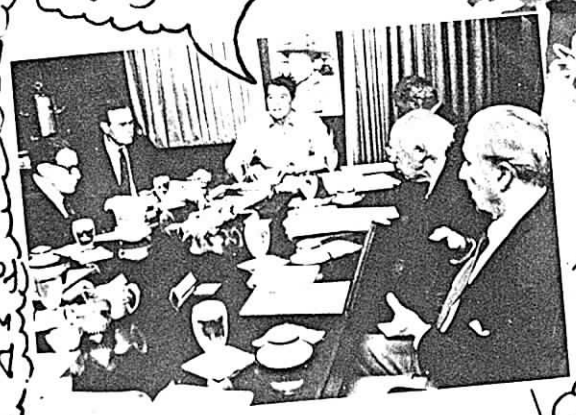
Well, Tokyo's firmed up overnight but Wall Street's still unstable and as for Paris... well... you know Paris, ine?

KER-rash

Don't worry, Don't worry, don't folks! worry, don't folks

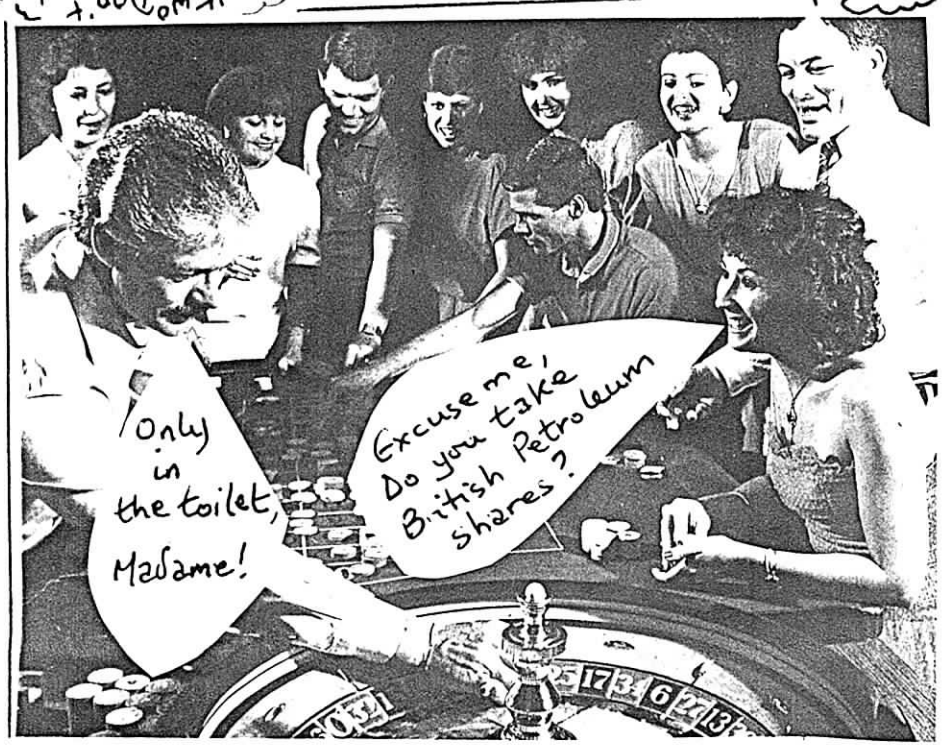
O.K. so I crapped out again! Have a jelly bean!

Takeno notice. I warned her about dabbling in Hung Kong futures



Vera's Vaine

Any cheap cracks about falling assets, honey & you'll get a knee in your liabilities



Only in the toilet, Madame!

Excuse me, Do you take British Petroleum shares?

Le French View

OFFICIEL

UP VOUS

Aue! mes amis...comme le bon General Normal de Gorge taught moi to say dans le moments of la grande stress disturb le tranquillite of les high-pressured lives de nous leaders of le appalling mankind. Aue! Still, all est exceptionellement bien qui finit avec les revolting kanaks completement stuffed! To say rien of le ghastly committee de la ridiculous decolonisation in le atrocious Disunited Nations. Mais je can tell vous, it was un tres near thing and cost le mighty Frog empire untold second hand Learjets dans les vital pay-offs. Le Canada was pas un problem et settled pour un left-over Aitutaki-Pago Goose le Superfit Sugar Ray Robati put je onto. Mais les Nips! Mon Dieu what un oo-la-la. Je felt like giving les a quick megatonner at temps to remind ils. But finallement, un job lot of 2nd. hand Norman Islanders did le trick comme down-payment. So UP VOUS Jean Mary Teabag: F.

HA!

HA!

vera

World War 6

SHOT GOSPEL!

Bring on the boiling oil, Corporal Kamisese!

Oh goody! Can I pour!

Washing his turban on a Sunday. Guilty with criminal intent. 1st offence, mylord!

I am to be known as St. Rabo the Anti-Tank. Canonisation is to take place behind the Cathedral of the Golden Dragon at oh Eight hundred

He's nuts but I love him!

He's not a bit like Idi Amin, really. Idi was at least 3 inches taller!

BETHLEHEM MOTEL

Sorry!

SUNDAYS CLOSED -By order

Are you sure it's allowed?

Oh my golly Gosh! Don't shoot... Long live Jesus, sir, ...may His light shine all over the barracks, sir.....

O miserable Papa'a! Get thee hence! Thou art cursed in the sight of the Colonel

Pass over that new barrel, bro'

Pieces be with you, brother!

Woe unto thee, thou inept blindside flanker!

Hallelujah!

PROCLAMATION NO. 97A

SUNDAYS

*COU SHALT STAY INDOORS ON SUNDAY AND PLAY WITH CYSELF

*COU SHALT NOT COVET PATEL, PATEL, RANJI & DULEEP LTD. AS IT IS RESRVED FOR CE LORD CY COLONEL.

*NEICER SHALT COU COVET HIS NUBILE DAUGHTER AS SHE IS RESERVED FOR THE 3rd BATTALLION NADI FUSILIERS.

*COU MAYEST COVET HIS OX

I usually mow the lawns on a Sunday!

BY ORDER.....
HIS PRESIDENTIAL HOLINESS
QUEEN RABO I (ARCHBISHOP,
SUVA HOT GOSPELLERS CLUB
C/O GOLDEN DRAGON.

THE JOURNAL & THE (Last) WORD

"morningstar"

Apart from that, welcome back TE AKATAUIRA.. grand-daddy of us all and occupier of a truly illustrious place in the battle for the right to self-determination for the Cook Islands people. The first socialist paper possibly in the South Pacific Islands region.

And Volume 14 is a good, lively, outspoken addition to the growing choice of reading the CIs public has on offer.

We hope we have all grown up enough to avoid the pettiness of people not buying just because it's an "opposition paper" etc. To survive, all papers need circulation and each one that dies is the people's loss. Te Akatauira is in the great tradition of popular papers committed to the support of one party. e.g. London Daily Mirror etc. Buy it, folks!

If you do, you'll find two real gems. A first class piece on shipping which makes us green with envy at not getting. And an eloquent editorial by Opposition Leader Geoffrey Henry, who writes with great distinction.

In it, Mr. Henry commends the JOURNAL very generously and gives an unequivocal statement of support for free expression and diversity of opinion. A mighty blow for the Press and for Cook Islands writers. Te akameitaki nei matou ia koe, e Henry Tane!

Mr. Henry also offers significant hints for political analysts as to where he is leading to the CIP. Straight to the central high ground it would appear with a wide range of liberal-sounding stances.

Are the yuppies moving in on The Party ? Is that Papa Arapati I hear turning over? ?

See TE AKATAUIRA, next issue!

Gospel Day storm over racism

"EIAA E VARE, TE KARANGA ATU NEI AU, EIAA E VARE I TE PAPA'A..."

...and lots more!

-Christian love and brotherhood, Atiu-Style ?

"Don't be duped, I tell you, don't be led astray by Papa'as...."

A charming Christian message for Gospel Day was reported to the JOURNAL by listeners to a prominent local leader addressing the public on Gospel Day.

Remarks which would be regarded as a clear incitement to racial hatred on a Christian occasion and would land the speaker in court throughout the Commonwealth continued in this vein, it is alleged, and can be heard on the video.

Already, as reported last week, local police have been contacted. A Rarotonga lawyer has also been contacted, it is believed.

The JOURNAL, involved we believe by implication, is taking steps which will be reported NEXT WEEK. We regard the matter with the utmost seriousness.

Rabuka- Thanks Poms! Get __ed KIWIS!!

Colonel/Head of State/President/Archbishop etc of Fiji, Sitiveni Rabuka appeared to be polishing up his rapidly improving Idi Amin imitation last week.

Later , he issued a statement lambasting NZ and Australia for offer- some form of resistance to him over the last few months and followed up with grateful thanks to ex-colonial masters UK

NEWS NOTEBOOK

Te nuti

Mon - The term 4 has started
The sports

Tue - The sports in term 4 is running

Wed - I did not go to school because I was sick

Thu - I thourt we had P.E.

Fri- I came 4th in running

Sat - Me and my sister pick up pineapple shuots.

TO MY FANS:

The editor says i've got to apolijys as my news is boring. Sory!

o ao
toku au

That was the week that was

Although world share prices were in a more stable condition at week's end than they had been over the previous fortnight, world stock markets continued to reflect severe nervousness. Pressure continued against the dollar and this is believed likely to continue until President Reagan takes more positive steps to reduce the US budget deficit.

"It's the price you pay for depending on US, fellas!" (Le Monde)